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XMAS CONTEST FOR RED CROSS WAXES WARM

Mrs. H. B. Soule's Auxiliary Tops the List with 676 Members in Day.

Close races have developed among the seventy-five women's auxiliaries working in the Red Cross Christmas membership campaign. Results announced last evening for Tuesday show that the auxiliary headed by Mrs. H. B. Soule, who is vice chairman of the general committee, topped the list with 676 memberships for that day, in addition to the 463 reported for Monday.

Second on the Tuesday report for women workers is the auxiliary of Mrs. William C. Gorgas, wife of the Surgeon General of the army, with 356 memberships. Mrs. G. A. Winslow's workers at Union Station reported 142; Mrs. Adolph Weyl's team, 135 and Miss Stella Osborne, 126. The total memberships reported by the women's auxiliaries alone on Tuesday were 3,027.

But there was every indication last night that yesterday's effort, for women's part, would place the women's auxiliaries far past the Tuesday total.

A new phase of the membership campaign yesterday were cash donations by Victor Kaufman of a \$100 liberty bond; Harry Wheaton Howard, of \$50 in cash, and an unknown friend, who gave \$100 and took only \$2 membership certificate in return.

Since the campaign is not a financial one there was some discussion about what was to be done with the excess contributions after the donors had been recorded as members.

It was decided to expend the sum for memberships to be given by the women workers as Christmas presents, especially to the many young women in department stores who have helped the volunteers stationed there.

The management of the Congress Hall Hotel has invited women workers to have luncheon and dinner, and has set aside a bath and a room for them. Many other hotels and business houses have shown the uniformed workers every courtesy.

A deaf and dumb man approached one booth and laid down two nickels. He indicated that he could not afford a \$1 membership fee, but desired to make some contribution to the Red Cross.

Washington firemen, after taking 500 buttons, sent for 500 more. Not only are the firemen joining, but they are canvassing on their own account.

The age limit represented among members joining this week so far has been extended. Formerly the "high" limit was 30 years, that of German-born woman who was the mother of a civil war veteran. But yesterday Mrs. J. B. Campbell sent in a signed membership blank, stating she is 93 years old, and that she wanted a \$2 membership.

out the Red Cross Magazine, included in that membership class. Her subscription was recorded by Mrs. J. C. Kelton.

Firms which yesterday reported all their members enrolled were Harris and Ewing; Cosmos Theater, and Williams and Allen.

District Men Less Moral Than Women, Say Records

Divorce Returns for 1917 Show 287 Suits Filed—212 by Women, 75 by Men.

Men of the National Capital still persist in being more wicked than their wives. Divorce statistics for 1917 show that more than three times as many women file suits for divorce as men. Whether the men are more willing to forgive and forget, the records do not say.

To date, 287 divorce suits have been filed. Of these, 212 are women and the rest, 75, are men. But more men have asked absolute divorces than have asked for limited divorces, which goes to show that when a man wants to be separated from his wife, he wants it complete.

Since January 1, 1917, 57 men have applied for absolute divorces and 71 women applied for the same thing—a difference of 14. Only nine men applied for limited divorces, and 96 women asked limited divorces, a difference of 76.

Fifteen women asked annulments, and only maintenance and annulment of six. Forty women were compelled to bring their husbands into court for a separate maintenance.

Records Vary Little.
The record for 1917 is very little different from that of 1916. During that year, 276 divorce suits were filed. Of these, 141 were for absolute divorce, 86 filed by wives and 55 by husbands. There were 11 more suits filed this year than last year.

Seventy-three suits for limited divorce were filed by women during 1917. This is only two more than this year. Only five such suits were filed by men, making four less than this year.

For a period of three years, 823 divorce applications have been filed. Of these, nearly half—401—were for absolute divorce.

The rest of the suits—limited, separate maintenance and annulment suits—come about by cruelty, drunkenness, deceiving each other before marriage, too-much-mother-in-law on both sides, staying out late at night, gambling, desertion, non-support, relatives interfering, stepchildren, unnatural treatment, bigamy, incompatibility of temper, stinginess, lack of interest in the home, the high cost of living which prompts desertion, temper, alimony-hunters, the bright lights of the big cities and a thousand-and-one other causes.

The year 1915 saw the husbands and wives of Washington practicing a little better behavior. In that year only 260 divorce suits were filed, 132 for absolute divorce—75 of these filed by women and 57 by men.

Settlements Rare.
This does not take into account the number of squabbles that occur between many couples which will not or dare not come into court with them. Many women withhold action because of their children and the publicity that follows. Men act the same for the same reasons.

Only about 25 per cent of all the suits filed during the three years have been settled. About 10 per cent

will be dismissed, according to what past records show. The balance will doubtless be settled in favor of the complaining parties.

Men are twelve times more cruel than women. The records show that nearly twelve times as many women charge cruelty as do men. Nearly all suits in which a divorce is asked because of cruelty are limited divorces. Most of the maintenance suits charge cruelty, but are intended to show non-support or desertion. Practically every degree of cruelty is practiced if we are to believe the petitions. Some of them are funny and others are pathetic. Very few men ever complain of their wives being cruel.

Women are so often dubbed the "weaker sex," that very few men ever have the temerity to insist that the charge of cruelty go into their petitions for limited divorce.

Many non-support cases find their way either into the Juvenile Court or else go as far as the Criminal Court. Many divorce suits are started here and finished in the Equity Courts.

WEATHER CONDITIONS.

District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia—Clear, with continuing moderate temperature, Thursday and Friday, light variable winds.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

Midnight, 31; 2 a. m., 31; 4 a. m., 32; 6 a. m., 32; 8 a. m., 33; 10 a. m., 35; 12 noon, 37; 2 p. m., 38; 4 p. m., 37; 6 p. m., 37; 8 p. m., 36; 10 p. m., 35; 12 midnight, 34.
Relative humidity—8 a. m., 91; 2 p. m., 78; 8 p. m., 80.
Rainfall (8 p. m. to 8 p. m.), trace; hours of sunshine, 6; per cent of possible sunshine, 6.
Departures—Accumulated deficiency of temperature since January 1, 1917, -167; accumulated deficiency of precipitation since January 1, 1917, -4.8; deficiency of precipitation since December 1, 1917, -0.9.
Temperature same date last year—Highest, 35; lowest, 16.

OTHER TEMPERATURES.

Highest, Lowest, Rainfall, 8 p. m. to 8 p. m., fail.
Boston, Mass., 34, 28, 31; Chicago, Ill., 30, 26, 28; Denver, Colo., 38, 46, 60; Los Angeles, Cal., 66, 64, 74; New Orleans, La., 69, 66, 64; New York, N. Y., 40, 36, 36; Portland, Ore., 48, 45, 48; Salt Lake City, Utah, 30, 28, 48.

CONDITION OF THE WATER.

Temperature and condition of water last night: Great Falls Reservoir—Temperature, 33; condition at north connection, very clear; condition at south connection, very clear. Georgetown distributing reservoir—Temperature, 41; condition at influent gatehouse, very clear; condition at effluent gatehouse, very clear.

Southern Railway Company.

Necessities of the Government in the movement of troops and supplies for the conduct of the war have compelled a curtailment of passenger train service throughout the country, and has particularly affected those lines through which military camps are located.

Substantial reduction has been made by lines east of Washington in sleeping car service operated in connection with the Southern Railway and its New York-Birmingham cars on No. 35, and the New York-Birmingham and New York-Nashville cars on No. 25.

Sleeping car service will be operated locally from Washington on the following Southern Railway trains:

No. 37—Atlanta section, leaving Washington 10:30 p. m.; sleeping cars to Atlanta.
No. 37—New Orleans section, leaving Washington 10:30 p. m.; sleeping cars to New Orleans.

No. 35—Leaving Washington 8:45 a. m.; sleeping cars to New Orleans and Birmingham, Coaches.
No. 25—Birmingham Special, leaving Washington 6:15 p. m.; sleeping cars to Birmingham. Effective Sunday, December 23, No. 25 will leave Washington at 4:15 p. m. Coaches are handled on No. 25.

No. 31—Leaving Washington 7:00 p. m.; sleeping cars to Augusta, Ga.; Aiken, S. C., and Asheville, N. C. Coaches.

No. 41—Leaving Washington 9:45 p. m.; sleeping cars to Chattanooga, Vicksburg and New Orleans. Coaches.

No. 25—Leaving Washington 4:25 a. m.; sleeping cars to Memphis and Nashville. Coaches.

Delays contribute difficulties and must, so far as humanly possible, be avoided.

Therefore, the trains enumerated above, with the exception of No. 35 and No. 25, which handle through sleeping cars, will not be held at Washington for connections. They will depart on time scheduled and be limited to their present capacity.

Parties traveling from points east of Washington to points south, in connection with any of these trains, are urged to regulate their movements in to Washington so as to insure connection and to satisfy themselves, beforehand, that accommodations south of Washington will be available.

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DRAFT BOARDS FIND TROUBLE IN 7-DAY LAW

Members Claim They Can't Complete Questionnaire in Time Specified.

When the questionnaires, containing the information about registrants for the national army are tabulated, there will be thousands of technical deserters listed in the War Department files from present indications.

The majority of these deserters are men to whom the questionnaire has been sent and returned to the local exemption boards, unclaimed because the Postoffice Department has been unable to locate the registrants.

What attitude the War Department will take upon the cases of these men has not yet been determined.

Under the law they are subject to military service at once, and by a strict interpretation of the act they can be treated as men deliberately fleeing from service in the military forces.

The majority of the delinquents are men who have changed their address since registration on June 5, and have failed to give notification of their change of address.

The first of the questionnaires returned to Washington board through inability to locate the registrants were those of Thomas Henry Bell, of 1058 Bladenburg road, Lawrence Sea, of St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Eddie Lee Jameson, of 1114 Montello avenue, and William Andrew Dixon (colored), of 416 Washington court. Their questionnaires were mailed on December 15 and under the law should be returned answered within seven days after mailing.

Exemption boards are finding it impossible to list and classify the registrants within four days after the receipt of the questionnaire and some modification of this regulation is expected.

The boards claim that it is a physical impossibility to give the proper investigation and hearing on each case within the time limit prescribed.

In advising as to change of address Adjt. Gen. Donovan requests registrants to notify the local board of the division in which they registered, not the one into which they may have moved since registration day. The original registration address should always be given.

SOUPY SLUSH DUE FOR LONG D. C. STAY

S-l-slush! Unpleasant, soupy, slushy slush. Washington is getting much too much of it.

And it's going to get warmer, according to the weather seer. Today the populace may expect to wade through two inches of half-melted snow. Sorta tough, isn't it?

No Christmas coasting for the kiddies, either, unless an old-fashioned snowfall and a cold snap come within the next few days.

During the past week boys and girls have been enjoying some regular coasting, the hill adjoining Central High School being especially favored. But now, skinnys, you might well put that old sled back down cellar.

But there's one good point to the change in the weather: That half-bushel of "black diamonds" in your cellar won't vanish so rapidly.

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LOCAL MENTION.
15 lbs. white potatoes, 25c; yellow onions, 4c lb.; sugar corn, 12 1/2c; mammoth herring, 4 for 5c; 13 ozs. sardines, 15c; pure pepper, 40c; Knox gelatine, 15c; cocoanuts, 5c and 10c; macaroni, 12 1/2c; 20 ozs. baking powder, 15c; our best tea, 50c; Wonder coffee, 20c; Star cocoa, 25c. 926 Pa. Ave. and all the J. T. D. Pyles stores.

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Style IX,	\$50.00;	\$4.00 Cash;	\$4.00 per Month
Style IX-A,	\$57.50;	\$5.00 Cash;	\$5.00 per Month
Style X,	\$75.00;	\$5.00 Cash;	\$5.00 per Month
Style X-A,	\$85.00;	\$5.00 Cash;	\$5.00 per Month
Style XI-A,	\$110.00;	\$6.00 Cash;	\$6.00 per Month
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Investment Is Going Up
Property added in Washington during 1917 will show an increase over 1916 of.....380%

Expenses Are Going Up
Expenses today, compared with a year ago, show an increase of.....60%

Telephone Traffic Is Going Up
Local calls completed in 1917 will show an increase over 1916 of.....70%
Toll calls.....200%

Revenue Is Going Down
While investment and expense have been going up, the net revenue has been steadily going down.

To meet these conditions promptly and effectively we have requested the Public Utilities Commission of the District of Columbia to approve certain changes in our rates.

It is our belief that these revisions, if placed in effect, will bring us some relief, particularly in that they will eliminate in a degree unnecessary calling, and thus relieve our overloaded exchanges.

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